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Continuing the Efforts to Hold DWP Accountable to the Public...

Our motion calling for the Department of Water and Power (DWP) Board of Commissioners to first review the report of the Office of Public Accountability before it takes any rate or fee increase actions was approved unanimously by the City Council on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

We introduced the motion on Friday, July 1. As Chief of Staff to former Councilmember Greig Smith, Mitchell Englander worked for years on numerous pieces of legislation to bring greater accountability and transparency to the DWP. Councilmember Smith introduced the motion that now requires third-party review of all proposed DWP rate actions (the so-called "Smith Report").



Councilmember Englander's motion calls for both the Smith Report and the OPA report to be considered by the Board of DWP Commissioners together before any rate actions. All rate actions are then reviewed by the City Council. To see the motion, [click here](#).

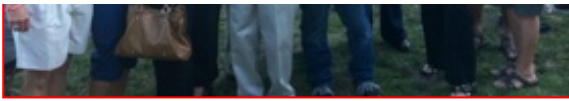


Congratulations, Recipients of the First of Councilmember Englander's Community Excellence Awards!



At the Movies Under the Stars & LAPD National Night Out event on Tuesday, Aug. 2, we launched the first of Councilmember Mitchell Englander's Community Excellence Awards!

Over 25 people received Excellence Awards at the event in recognition of their contributions to the community.



The purpose of the Community Excellence Awards is to recognize ordinary community members who do extraordinary things, and

make volunteering and community service a way of life in CD 12.

Thank you for your service, and congratulations!

Free Handyworker Program for Seniors...

The Handyworker Program offers a wide variety of free minor home repairs for low-income or disabled senior homeowners in Los Angeles.

The program helps qualified low-income and disabled seniors to continue living in their home independently by offering free repairs that maintain their home's habitability.

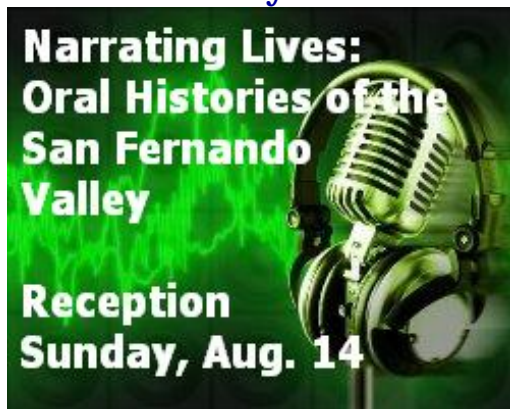
The minor repairs that are available include repairs to doors and windows, repairs to fences, gates, porches, steps, walkways, interior flooring, walls and ceilings, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, electrical and plumbing repairs, accessibility improvements including ramps, hand rails, grab bars and disabled access toilets. Earthquake safety improvements include water heater braces and seismic gas shutoff valves. All work is subject to availability of funds, and the handyworkers are certified and bonded.

To apply or for more information, call (213) 808-8803. For hearing impaired TTD service call (213) 978-3231 (TDD).



Free Handyworker Program for Low-Income & Disabled Seniors

Reception for Narrating Lives: Oral Histories of the San Fernando Valley...



Don't miss the Museum of the San Fernando Valley's special reception to share with the community "Narrating Lives: Oral Histories of the San Fernando Valley" on Sunday, Aug. 14 in Northridge.

This fun celebration of the Valley's living history takes place at El Rancho Cordillera del Norte, the beautiful, wooded, eight-acre California rancho in the heart of Northridge. The program includes video clips from some of the oral history interviews, panel discussions and live music. In the spirit of the historic diversity of the San

Fernando Valley, a multi-cultural buffet and refreshments will be served.

**Sunday, Aug. 14
5:00 pm**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday September 1

Free Monthly Social Event for Seniors in Northridge

Smile on Seniors and Chabad of Northridge are holding the first of their new monthly series of social events for seniors (over 55 years).

12 pm to 2 pm
17142 Devonshire St. Northridge

The event will feature a delicious Kosher lunch and a screening of the film "USHPIZIN" (Guests - 2004). The film, set in Jerusalem's orthodox neighborhoods, follows the journey of a poor but devout couple who receive gifts and guests that challenge their faith.

RSVP to (818) 368-3937 or (818) 324-5828.

RecycleBank - Offering You Rewards for Recycling

RecycleBank is a free program that gives you reward points for recycling that you can cash in for products and services.

RecycleBank is already running as a pilot program in two neighborhoods in our District. If a certain number of people sign up it could become a citywide program, so we encourage you to sign up!

To find out if you are in one of the pilot areas, click here.

Learn more or sign up at www.RecycleBank.com. For questions

El Rancho Cordillera del Norte
9015 Wilbur Ave. (at Nordhoff St.)
Northridge

Admission is free. Donations may be made to benefit the Multi-Cultural Music and Art Foundation (MCMAF), the non-profit organization that operates the Rancho. Street parking, and free parking inside the Rancho property are available.

The Narrating Lives program is made possible in part by a grant from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Northridge South Neighborhood Council, with support from Councilmember Mitchell Englander and former Councilmember Greig Smith.

To RSVP or for more information, call (818) 756-8501 or email Seme.Park@lacity.org.

Chamber of Commerce to Honor Greig and Chris Smith at Gala Dinner Dance...

The North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will honor former City Councilmember Greig Smith and his wife Chris at the Chamber's annual Summer Dinner Dance on August 27 at the Airtel Plaza Hotel. The Chamber is recognizing the immeasurable work that Greig and Chris have done for the betterment of the residents and businesses in the 12th council district, and beyond.

Saturday, Aug. 27
Airtel Plaza Hotel
7277 Valjean Ave.
Van Nuys

A portion of the proceeds will go towards the restoration of the Oakridge Estate. The historic-cultural landmark in Northridge was designed by architect Paul R. Williams for actress Barbara Stanwyck, and was later the home of Actor Jack Oakie. Through the efforts of Greig Smith the property was acquired by the City and will be restored, preserved and protected as a community asset that the public will be able to enjoy for generations.

For more information or to RSVP call the Chamber at (818) 349-5676.

DWP to Relaunch Solar Incentive Program...



The Department of Water and Power (DWP) is re-launching its Solar Incentive Program with revised incentive levels and streamlined customer service. Applications will be accepted starting Sept. 1, 2011.

Learn more at www.ladwp.com/solar.

DWP says it changed the Program to allow more people to participate, will have double the budget

call RecycleBank's customer care number at (888) 727-2978.

Oakridge Estate Park Advisory Board Meeting

We encourage you to attend one of the Oakridge Estate Park Advisory Board Meetings, which are held every other month. For the date, time and location of the upcoming meeting, email OakridgePAB@gmail.com.

In 2009 we completed the purchase of the Oakridge Estate for the City to preserve the cultural-historic landmark in Northridge as a treasure of culture, history and open space.

For more info call (818) 756-8501 or email OakridgePAB@gmail.com.



[311 Online](#)

In addition to calling 311 to report problems or request services, you can use 311 online.

Visit <http://tiny.cc/311LACity> and find the appropriate service.

Adopt-a-Street and Help Keep Our Community Clean

We encourage you as an individual, family, community-based organization or school to participate in our Adopt-a-Street program!



for the next three years, offer customers a faster and more transparent application, and have incentive levels more in line with market prices. The revisions incorporate input that the public gave during recent DWP workshops.

The program had been suspended on April 9, 2011 when high demand for incentives far outpaced the available budget. The suspension was initiated to allow DWP to catch up with a backlog of applications and solar inspections, address the public's concerns about safety, get public input on improving the program, and identify new financing options.

For more information on the revised Solar Incentive Program, including guidelines, incentive calculators, and information for commercial as well as residential customers, visit www.ladwp.com/solar. For further questions email solar@ladwp.com or call the Solar Hotline at (213) 367-4122.

Save the Date for 91311 - The Day to Celebrate Chatsworth!

Mark your calendar for this fun, family-friendly community event that celebrates the 91311 Zip Code on 9/13/11. The event will celebrate all of the unique aspects of Chatsworth, from the rocky hillsides and the equestrian community, to the film-making history and great down-home restaurants.

Tuesday, Sept. 13
4:30 pm
St. Stephen Presbyterian Church
20121 Devonshire St.

The event will feature a display of an aerial community photo of Chatsworth, "A Taste of Chatsworth," a 50-year time capsule, drawings for prizes, children's activities, music and more!

Event proceeds will be donated to Young Masters Performing Arts Academy, a program offering free music lessons for youth.

For more information, call (818) 341-2428 or visit www.Think91311.com.

Tango Music and Dance at the Rancho...



Enjoy an evening of Argentine culture, music and dancing, at the Tango Music and Dance Concert at El Rancho Cordillera del Norte on Sunday, Aug. 7.

Famed Argentine musician Juan Pedro Estanga and his ensemble will be joined by an international Tango dance company and musician Elisabeth Waldo to create an enchanting performance!

Sunday, Aug. 7
4:00 pm - Concert
5:00 pm - Reception
El Rancho Cordillera del Norte

Our office introduced the Adopt-a-Street Program in the City of L.A. Adopting a street means an individual or community group commits to doing some form of agreed-upon maintenance such as cleaning up trash, removing graffiti, weeds or illegal signs, storm drain clean up etc. at least once every three months.

The City will provide trash bags, landscaping tools, paint, gloves and other equipment and remove filled trash bags. After the second verified quarterly clean-up, the Adopt-a-Street sign with the name of the person or group is awarded and placed.

To Adopt-a-Street in our District or for more info call (818) 756-8501 or email Semee.Park@lacity.org and we will walk you through the application process.

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Tango Music and Dance

**Sunday, Aug. 7
El Rancho Cordillera
del Norte
New Mission Theatre
9015 Wilbur Ave.
Northridge**

New Mission Theatre
9015 Wilbur Ave. (at Nordhoff St.)
Northridge

To reserve, please call (818) 998-0326 or email
manager@elisabethwaldomusic.com. \$30 donation.

Join Northridge West Neighborhood Council for Their Community Clean-Up and Help Keep Northridge Streets Clean!

Join Northridge West Neighborhood Council every Thursday for their community beautification effort to clean up the streets of Northridge.

On Thursday, August 11 they will clean up weeds and trash on the north side of Lassen St. at Vanalden Ave.

Thursday, August 11

8:00 am

Meet up at Lassen & Vanalden,
Northridge.

Park on Vanalden Ave. north of Lassen.

At 8:00 am they will review the game plan with free refreshments provided by Northridge West Neighborhood Council.

The project was launched in the Spring of 2010 by Northridge West Neighborhood Council and neighborhood residents who wanted to get involved in cleaning up trash, weeds and debris from the streets of Northridge to keep it clean, safe and beautiful. Since then they have removed thousands of bags of debris from the streets and sidewalks and inspired several more groups to launch street clean-ups!

For more information, call Jo Ann Philips at (818) 304-4989 or email Japhillips1@yahoo.com.



**Help Keep Our Streets
Clean! Join Northridge
West Neighborhood
Council's Community
Clean-Up!**

Exploring Business Opportunities with the Bureau of Sanitation...



The City's Bureau of Sanitation invites L.A.-based businesses to a free business networking workshop where they can learn about contracting opportunities with the Bureau.

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[Canoga Park/West
Hills](#)

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**Wednesday, Aug. 17
6 pm to 8 pm
Tom Bradley Room
City Hall
200 N. Spring St., L.A.**

Wednesday, Aug. 17
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tom Bradley Room
City Hall, 27th Floor
200 N. Spring Street
Downtown Los Angeles

This free business networking workshop is a great opportunity for local companies to learn about various contracting opportunities with the Bureau, as well as how to obtain Minority Business Enterprise, Women Business Enterprise, Small Business Enterprise, Emerging Business Enterprise, and Disabled

Veteran Business Enterprise certifications. It's a great chance to meet other L.A. business owners and managers.

For more information, [click here to see the flyer](#).

New Date for DWP Summary Session of Community Input Meetings on Rate Increases...

The Department of Water and Power (DWP) is holding a series of community meetings to discuss water and electricity rate increases. DWP wants to hear your voice on water and power rates. The date for the Summary Session has been rescheduled from July 28 to August 25 to allow more time for the community to give their input.

Rates Input Summary Session
Thursday, August 25
6:00 pm
DWP Headquarters
111 N. Hope Street, Downtown L.A.

The meeting will also be webcast. The additional time will allow LADWP time to gather more input from customers on potential strategic investments, take additional public comment and analyze the feedback received from customers.

If you are planning on attending the Input Summary Session on August 25, please RSVP. To learn more or RSVP, please visit www.ladwp.com/LAForward.

Public Pools in Los Angeles Open All Summer Long!



The summer swimming season is here and L.A.'s public pools are open! Our public pools are a wonderful resource, offering children and adults in the community a great, economical way to cool off, get exercise and have fun!

The City's Aquatics facilities include regular public swimming pools with a wide variety



LA's Public Pools Are Open All Summer!

of amenities, programs, sports and classes for children, adults and people with disabilities and competitive athletes in training.

There are even Parks facilities, such as Reseda Park and Lake Balboa, that offer fishing, and remote-control boating. The City also offers a Junior Lifeguard Training Program designed to prepare young people

who are interested in pursuing a career as a Lifeguard.

West San Fernando Valley Swimming Pools GRANADA HILLS POOL

16730 Chatsworth St.

Granada Hills

[Click here for a map.](#)

NORTHRIDGE POOL

(818) 709 – 7475

10058 Reseda Blvd.

Northridge

[Click here for a map.](#)

CANOGA PARK - LANARK PARK

(818) 756-9364

21817 Strathern St.

Canoga Park

[Click here for a map.](#)

VAN NUYS/SHERMAN OAKS WAR MEMORIAL PARK

(818) 783-6721

14201 Huston St.

Van Nuys

[Click here for a map.](#)

To learn more about all of the City's Aquatics facilities [click here.](#)

Save the Date for the LAPD Devonshire Community Town Hall Meeting, August 25...

The next LAPD Devonshire Area Community Town Hall Meeting will be on Thursday, August 25 at Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch.

Thursday, August 25

7:00 pm

Shepherd of the Hills Church

19700 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch

Come meet your local LAPD Officers serving at Devonshire Community Police Station and discuss ways you can prevent crimes, including residential and car burglaries, as well as other crime and safety tips and current crime trends in our community. Attendance is free, and there will be snacks and refreshments, as

well as prizes and other activities.

For more information, [click here](#).

Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce Summer Festival...



Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce Summer Festival August 6

Save the date for a summer day filled with music, BBQ, raffles and kids' activities at the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce's Summer Festival at Pierce College on Saturday, August 6.

Saturday, August 6
11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Pierce College Farm Center
20800 Victory Blvd., Woodland Hills

Activities for kids include pony rides, bungee jumping, rock climbing wall, carousel, kid's train rides, petting zoo, bounce house, slide, balloon animals, face painting and more! There will be lots of music and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy.

For more information, call the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber at (818) 341-2428.

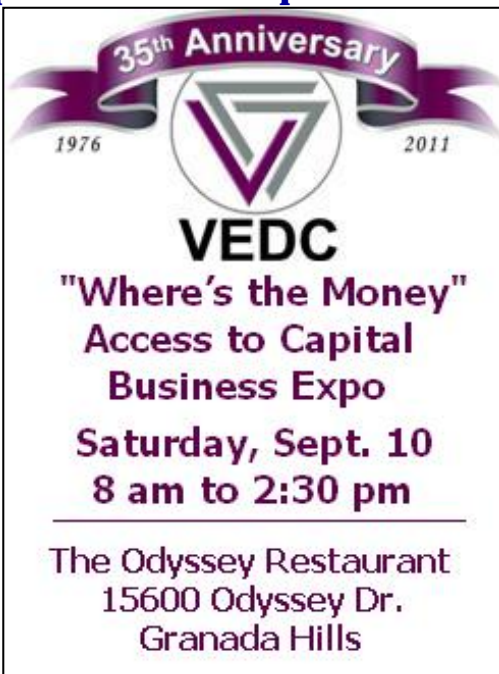
"Where's the Money" Access to Capital Business Expo...

Valley business owners and managers won't want to miss the Valley Economic Development Center's (VEDC) 10th Annual Where's the Money Access to Capital business expo on September 10 in Granada Hills.

There will be a networking breakfast and six workshops including Government Loan Options, Microloan Options, Alternative Financing Options and others. There will be a banker's and resources expo, a business loan pavilion where attendees can sit one-on-one with a loan consultant, as well as a luncheon with distinguished keynote speakers.

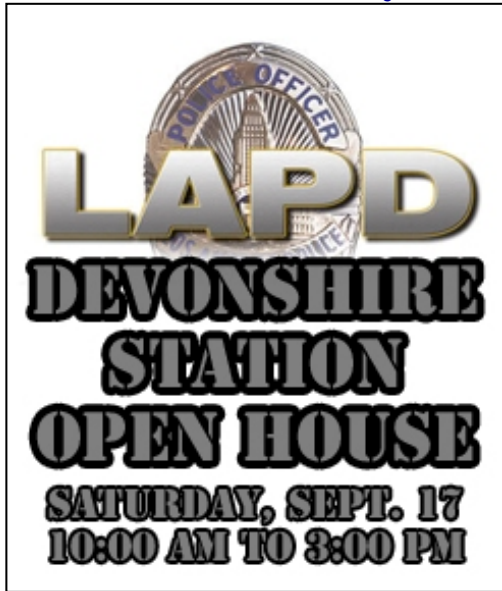
Saturday, Sept. 10
8:00 am to 2:30 pm
The Odyssey Restaurant
15600 Odyssey Drive
Granada Hills

Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, call Melissa Padilla at (818) 907-9977. Only \$10 to register!



For more information call (818) 907-9977, ext. 224 or email cibarra@vedc.org or [click here](#).

Devonshire Community Police Station Open House...



Save the date for the Devonshire Community Police Station's open house on Saturday, Sept. 17. It's a great opportunity to get to know the Police Officers who protect and serve our community every day. Take a tour of the station, learn about crime trends, get crime prevention tips and more.

This is a great event to teach kids about public safety and the role of the Police in our community.

Saturday, Sept. 17
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Devonshire Community
Police Station
10250 Etiwanda Ave. (at Devonshire St.)
Northridge

Anti Bullying / Cyber Bullying Community Meeting...

Our Field Deputy Jim Dellinger, who is a former LAPD Officer and works closely with the LAPD on public safety issues in our community, reports this week on a great event to help parents, teachers and kids prevent bullying.

LAPD's West Valley and Mission Area Community Police Stations will be hosting a community meeting on bullying and cyber-bullying on Tuesday, August 9 in Encino.

Tuesday, August 9
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Braemar Country Club
Main Banquet Room
4001 Reseda Blvd.
Encino

Bullying is nothing new - it has always been a challenge for parents and youth to face and overcome. But today's young people are connected to each other via the internet, social media such as Facebook, texting and cell phones like never before. Along with the many benefits, this has also given rise to cyber-bullying.

NO
BULLY
ZONE

Jim Dellinger
Field Deputy

**Community
Meeting on Bullying
& Cyber Bullying**
Tuesday, Aug. 9
6 pm - 7:30 pm

At this community meeting, the LAPD will share ways that parents, kids and teachers can identify, prevent and respond to bullying and cyber-bullying. It will also cover ways that parents and teachers can talk with kids about the subject.

6 pm - 7:30 pm
Braemar Country Club

For more information or to RSVP, call LAPD West Valley Community Relations at (818) 374-7690.

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